

# INVENTORY.

## 31371. *XANTHOSOMA* sp.

**Yautia.**

From Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic. Procured by Mr. Frederick L. Lewton, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received July 1, 1911.

"These tubers were obtained by Mr. Lewton on the market under the name of yautia. They are oblong in form, one specimen being 6 inches in length and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in greatest diameter, with a weight of 10 ounces. The sprouts are pink or reddish. The flesh is white and nonacid; when cooked it becomes slightly purplish and is moderately firm. The flavor is rather inferior." (*R. A. Young.*)

## 31372. *XANTHOSOMA* sp.

**Yautia.**

From Port au Prince, Haiti. Procured by Mr. Frederick L. Lewton, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received July 1, 1911.

"The tubers of this variety were obtained on the market under the name of *Malanga* by Mr. Lewton. They are roundish in general form, some specimens being about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 3 inches in size and weighing 5 to 6 ounces. The sprouts are reddish in color. The flesh is acrid when raw, but the acidity is destroyed by boiling for 35 or 40 minutes. The flesh is very firm when cooked and is of fair flavor." (*R. A. Young.*)

## 31373. *IPOMOEA BATATAS* L.

**Sweet potato.**

From Broadwood, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. George Harris, at the request of Mr. T. W. Adams. Received at the Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, Cal., June 28, 1911.

"*Kumaras.*"

## 31374. *INOCARPUS EDULIS* Forst.

**Tahiti-chestnut.**

From Tahiti, Society Islands. Procured by Mr. North Winship, American consul. Received July 1, 1911.

"O'Tahiti-chestnuts come from what is considered the best tree on this island. The nut should be planted about 4 or 5 inches deep, good loamy soil preferred, in the place where the tree is desired. It is of slow growth, but makes a beautiful tree, growing to great size and yielding abundantly. Keep the seed and the young plant damp, but not wet." (*Winship.*)

"These seeds are much prized by the natives as food, being eaten boiled or roasted. They are said to be less palatable than the chestnut." (*Fairchild.*)

## 31375 and 31376. *PERSEA AMERICANA* Miller.

**Avocado.**

From San Jose, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Carlos Wercklé. Received July 3, 1911.

Seeds of the following:

31375. "Broad oval."

31376. "Long, but without neck or stem."

"These are seeds of large, very thick-fleshed and very good varieties. They are about the best that come to the market. Plain green." (*Wercklé.*)